

Docket No.:

Technology Center 2100

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group Art Unit: 2162

In re the Application of:

Tokimori TOMITA, et al.

Serial No. 08/864,762

Confirmation No. 7403

Filed: May 29, 1997

Examiner: Young, J. SERVICE POINT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR USE IN SALES PROMOTION

SERVICES

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 4, 2001, having a shortened statutory period for response initially set to expire March 4, 2002. A Petition for Extension of time for 3-months along with the requisite fee are attached hereto extending the response due date to June 4, 2002. Therefore, this Amendment is timely filed by June 4, 2002. However, if any additional fees are required, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed concurrently herewith.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 17, 18, 25, 28, 30, 50, 52, 65, and 66 and ADD new claims 67-77 as follows:

17. (AS THREE TIMES AMENDED) A point management system employing a computer for managing points issued to each customer who receives service according to the issued points, comprising: